Monday 27th July  P & C Meeting, 7pm, School Staffroom
Tuesday 28th July  Open Classrooms from 11.40am
Wednesday 29th July  School Photo Day
Wednesday 29th July  Leaders Luncheon
Wednesday 29th July  K2 Homework Information Session 7pm
Wednesday 29th July  School Dollarmites Banking
Thursday 30th July  Sneak Peak to Starting Big School, 1.45pm to 2.40pm
Friday 31st July  School Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Week 3.

We have a big week ahead celebrating Education Week. There are many events planned and several opportunities for families and friends to come along and see the great things we are doing at Finley Public School. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming parents, families and friends to our Open Day tomorrow.

**Lions Club Public Speaking Competition**

What a delight it was to attend the Lions Club Public Speaking competition yesterday and listen to all of the talented students competing. We are very proud of Jemma, Abbey, Larshya and Morgan who did an excellent job in representing themselves and our school. Larshya excelled again this year to be announced the winner of the Year 3/4 section of the competition. Larshya will now go on to the Zone level of competition, to be held on August 16th.

**Education Week**

We have a full calendar as we celebrate Education Week this week. The theme this year is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’.

**Monday – Year 6 High School talk**

Today we began the week by welcoming Miss Brittany Scott to talk with our Year 6 students about what to expect in Year 7 and to spend some time getting to know our great Year 6 kids. Miss Scott is a past student of FPS who is now teaching at Finley High School and will be the Year Adviser for Year 7 students in 2016.

**Tuesday – Open Day**

On Tuesday we have our Open Day. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited into classrooms from 11.45am to see the range of quality programs our students are working on with their teachers. Then at 12:15 classes will buddy up for an activity. 4/3UR will
be at MKG during this time. Parents, carers, family and friends of students in 4/3UR are invited to see the kitchen garden program in action at these times. At approximately 12:45 parents, carers, family and friends are invited to a Sausage Sizzle lunch. Sausages in bread are available for $2 each and there will be coffee and tea available for adults.

**Wednesday – School Photos, Leaders Luncheon, K – 2 Homework information Session**

Wednesday is a very busy day. We have School Photos; students need to wear Winter uniform please. As part of Education Week our school’s leaders have been invited to attend a School Leaders Luncheon with student leaders from nearby schools at the High School from 11:30am. On Wednesday evening, parents and carers of students in K – 2 are invited to an information session at 7pm about the homework trial K – 2 are involved in this term.

**Thursday – Sneak Peek to Starting Big School**

On Thursday we will hold the first of 3 sessions in our ‘Sneak Peek to Starting Big School’. We have introduced this phase into our Kindergarten Orientation Program this year to give all children starting Kindergarten next year an opportunity to have a ‘sneak peek’ experience of school. We are running these sessions from 1:45 – 2:40pm Thursday 30\(^{th}\) July, Tuesday 18\(^{th}\) August and Tuesday 8\(^{th}\) September. We will welcome children attending the Preschool on these days and their helpers to join this year’s Kinder students for some arts, crafts and music activities, games and sports and to have a look at the MKG program in action. All children who are starting Kindergarten in 2016 are invited to come along to these sessions. Please contact the office, Jacinta Lewis, Kylie Edwards or myself if you have any questions.

**Friday – Athletics Carnival**

Finally we end Education Week with our annual Whole School Athletics Carnival. All students K- 6 will participate in track and field events throughout the day. Students turning 8 and over will be competing in the more formal races and events as they endeavour to secure a place in the district carnival. While students in Kinder and Year 1 will participate in age races and some novelty field events including the sack race, egg’n’spoon race, the 3 legged race and more! There will be a canteen running throughout the day. Students are encouraged to wear their Sports House colour. Coree - green; Finley - blue; Murray - red and Tuppal – yellow. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to come along to the Finley Recreation Reserve from 9:30am to cheer the competitors on.

Everyone will be ready for the weekend after this busy week!

**BYOD**

Today families will receive a survey in regard to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). We are very keen to implement this policy at Finley Public School as it offers students the ability to keep up with 21\(^{st}\) Century learning and skills. We are currently in the process of assessing a number of models for BYOD and this survey is part of the process in helping us make the best and most informed decision for our students and their families. Once we have collated results of the survey, we will make our decision on the best model for our school. Following this we will hold a parent information session to provide you with more details. Can you please support this exciting initiative by completing the survey (either the paper copy or online) and return it to the school by August 7\(^{th}\).

**P&C Meeting**

Don’t forget that the July P&C meeting is on tonight. This is another opportunity for family, friends and community members to come along and hear about the great things happening at Finley Public School. The meeting starts at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

I look forward to seeing many family and friends around our school throughout week and hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News
New menu coming out Week 3

Helpers are required from 10am – 2pm
Thankyou to Sara Macleod for volunteering last week

A reminder to parents/carers to check that when students are writing out their own lunch orders, to please make sure they are written neatly and clearly with class, name, lunch and price, thankyou.

Meal Deal Wednesday 29th July
6 Chicken Nuggets
Fruit juice
Muffin
$5.50

Happy Birthday
Cherish J  21st July
Olivia C  29th July
Talon S  30th July
Lily E  31st July
Iraia H  31st July
Mickeyly C  31st July

Happy Birthday!

Science Awards

Library Awards

MKG Awards

Mathletics Awards
Larshya S, Holly B, Brianna D.

Playground Awards
Meg M, Melina S, Dylan T, Liam B, Cooper B.
**PBL Classroom Awards System**

Congratulations to Dakota, Cherish, and Morgan! They are our very first awardees of a Major Merit for 2015 and we are very proud of them. Well done girls!

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**Stage 3 Excursion Reminder**

Just a friendly reminder that deposits are overdue. To secure our bookings all payments will need to be finalised before 12th August. Your child’s deposit must be paid in order to confirm their place on the excursion.

Stage 3 Team.

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**Bring your own device (BYOD) Survey and Information**

As a part of our 2015 -2017 school plan we are hoping to implement a policy for students to bring their own device to school. In short this means that we would be asking students to bring a device to school that connects to the internet such as a laptop, tablet, iPad etc. To help us assess the viability of a BYOD policy at Finley Public School and the most appropriate option for our school community could all parents please complete the survey sent home today or via the link online by the 7th of August.


Your feedback is very valuable to our school and will support us in moving forward with this program.

Thank you for your time,
Kylie Edwards.

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**Athletics Carnival**

If there are any parents/carers who would be able to volunteer their time to help with timing etc. at this week’s carnival it would be greatly appreciated.
**Book Club**

Book Club orders are due in on Wednesday 5th August. Thankyou.

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**Homework Information Evening**

A reminder that an information evening is being held for parents of all Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students this Wednesday evening from 7pm in Mrs. Wane’s room.

The evening will detail trial changes to the homework routine and provide useful tips that will help you improve outcomes for your child. We hope to see as many parents as possible!

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**P & C News**

If anyone would like to submit items for the next meeting’s agenda please contact the P & C Secretary Mardi Baker, 0400 044 184.

**P & C Meeting, 7pm, School Staffroom, hope to see you there.**

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**School Banking**

Wow, what a great week last week. We had over 60 bankers and over $400.

So far with school banking we have earned over $1000 in commission for projects around the school.

Great effort everyone.

Thanks,
Debbie.
**Thankyou**
The SRC would like to say a huge THANK YOU to IGA Finley and K & A Foods for sponsoring our Hot Chocolate Day. Trevor and Robyn kindly donated all the milk, hot chocolate, marshmallows and cups for our fund raising event! THANK YOU!!

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

This year we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

We are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Woolworths sticker sheets are available at the checkout when you shop at one of their stores. Please place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto the Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at Cobram Woolworths.

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**Community News**

**Finley Farmers Market**
The Scarecrows are coming to town!! If you would like to enter the Scarecrow competition, come along to the Finley Farmers’ Market this Saturday and find out how to enter. You will have a whole month to make your special scarecrow. Lots of prizes and lots of fun. The market is this Saturday in the Finley Memorial Hall from 9am till 12 noon.